GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4233
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RASHTRIYA AROGYA NIDHI
Singh Shri Prabhunath

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of money allocated for the Rashtriya Arogya Nidhi during the last three years, State-wise ;

(b) the quantum of financial assistance provided to patients, living below poverty line, together with the number of patients covered, State-wise;

(c) the criteria laid down for selecting persons for providing financial assistance; and

(d) the reasons for not spending the full allocated amount under the Rashtriya Arogya Nidhi?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (DR.ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a) & b): The funds under Rashtriya Arogya Nidhi scheme are not allocated State-wise. Financial assistance to the patients, living in State/UTs. i s released under this scheme through the respective State Illness Fund(s), revolving fund maintained b y certain Government hospitals/Institutes besides the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare. Contributions to the State Illness Fund are made by the State Government concerned and the Government of India in the ratio of 2:1. Accordingly, those States that have set up the State Illness Fund have been released funds during the last three years as per detail given at Annexure A. The quantum of funds allocated for Rashtriya Arogya Nidhi and expenditure incurred during the last three years are given below.

(Rupees in lakhs)

Years	B.E	Actual expenditure
2002-03	310.00	420.00
2003-04	414.00	480.00
2004-05	450.00	675.00

The Number of patients and quantum of financial assistance provided to patients by respective States/Uts. is not maintained centrally.

(c): Under this scheme financial assistance is provided to poor patients, living below poverty line, suffering from life-threatening diseases and receiving medical treatment in any Government hospital.

(d): Does not arise in view of the reply at (a & b) above.

Annexure-A

Annexure to in reply to part b of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 4233 for 24.8.2005

(Rupees in lakhs)

Years/States	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
Jharkhand	150.00	50.00	-
NCT of Delhi	40.00	50.00	25.00
Rajasthan	100.00	101.00	-

Andaman & Nickobar	50.00	-	50.00
Jammu & Kashmir	-	24.00	-
Kerala	-	100.00	-
Uttranchal	-	25.00	-
Lakshdweep	-	50.00	-
Chhattisgarh	-	-	205.00
Goa	-	-	90.00
Karnataka	-	-	100.00
Pondicherry	-	-	25.00